

in Bth's "florula Hongkongensis" or  
Sumann's catalogue in the Voyage of  
the "Herald." i. e. whenever you have  
abundance of specimens. I know Dr.  
Boott has recognised some of the Carexes  
from Japan, <sup>sent him by you</sup> amongst plants taken from  
hence by my late lamented friend  
Dr. Warland. Carex is a genus I am  
most anxious for. I have never seen  
Dr. Sartwell's collection of the U. S. species.  
I notice in the paper you sent me there  
are many new species. I should so  
much have liked specimens! I have  
lately tried in vain to procure the  
Botany of the Pacific railway routes  
having been told in reply to an appli-  
cation that I must get the whole work,  
which, as I am not very sick (though  
we Britishers can't grumble at you  
for overcharging books - for they are very  
much cheaper than ours) and am no  
engineer, I do not wish to do. I do  
not know whether you have any

Hongkong, 14. Decr. 1858.

My dear Sir,

I have just received through Sir  
W. Hooker your letter of 4. Sept: and  
I have besides to thank you for the  
previous communication of two copies  
of your account of Inorront Williams'  
Japanese collection, which was most  
acceptable and will be most useful to  
me. It was not accompanied by any letter.  
I am particularly glad that the packets  
of plants I sent reached you in  
perfect condition, and I trust you  
found them interesting. I shall indeed  
be very pleased to receive fr. American  
plants from you, especially named  
Glumaceae <sup>+ ferns;</sup> and I much desire spec:  
of Itea, Ranunculus, &c and any <sup>other</sup>  
which have a close affinity (such  
as Diervilla) to plants of Japan,  
and Mantchuria. I have not many  
American plants in my collection, merely

a few collected by the late Dr. Lorrain  
in Ohio - and a very small no: of books  
on N. Amer: botany; I believe only  
Prof. Torrey's Aspe of Sanctury's Utah  
plants - his memoirs on Bates &  
Darlingtonia, & the Plantae fremontianae  
Cutow & Wright's Manual - and your  
own beautiful Manual of the Boty.  
of the Northern States - latest edn - Plantae  
Wrightianae & Genera of the U. S. I have  
two vols: of the latter unparalleled  
work. Will it be continued? My interest  
in N. America botany has greatly increased  
since I made a careful examination  
of some Manchurian & Japanese  
plants, collected during the Russian  
war, and found amongst others, -  
Onoclea sensibilis (not hitherto recorded  
from Japan) & Gnaphalium polyccephalum,  
besides Osmunda cinnamomea, &  
a whole host of European plants, such  
as Polygonum bistorta, Geranium,  
pratense, Polemonium coeruleum,

Linnaea borealis, &c. &c. I can assure  
you it will give me the greatest pleasure  
to exchange specimens, and I should be  
glad if you could name any American  
house here which would take charge of  
plants to your address. Not but what  
I dare say I could contrive to send  
them otherwise, but there are few ships  
clear hence for Boston, most going to  
New York. where I could always I  
think send to any agent you might  
name. as to things for me, they might  
I think be sent safely to the <sup>kind</sup> care  
of H. B. M. Consul, at either of  
the Ports, if addressed

" Dr. H. F. Hance,

Superintendency of Trade,  
Hongkong."

for it would be improbable any one  
would refuse to take charge of a packet  
for a fellow-officer. I should be  
particularly glad of any Japanese  
or Chinese plants which do not occur

means of assisting me, but if so, I  
can only say that my London agent,  
Mr. Franz Chimm, 3, Brook Street,  
Grosvenor Square, would most willingly  
& promptly pay the cost of the botany  
of these explorations to any firm, such  
as Trübner & Co. Putnam, or others, who  
have London branches, & would remit  
the book to him. Can you also tell me  
the cost of the Botany of the U. S.  
Exploring Expedition? also full title  
& publisher. Any little tractates on  
Japanese botany or indeed on anything  
connected with botany will be most  
thankfully received. I am much indebted  
to Mr. Wright for his kind offer of some  
of his plants. Pray remember me very  
cordially to him, and believe me to be

Very faithfully Yours

P. A. N. C. S.